

Liber M M recording thereof as much as the Act of Assembly allowed and the said John Clemons being Sensible and well understanding the parts and abilityes of him the said Edward in that Art and mastery of drawing and ingrosseing writeings as aforesaid and also that the said Edward was then Clerke of the said County of Dorchester and did receive & take to his Owne use all ffees and proffitts to the Said Office of Clerke of the said County belonging or in any wise appurteining the said John the One & twentieth day of June in the 42th yeare of the Dominion of Caecilius &c Annoq; Dom̃ One thousand six hundred Seventy three in Consideration that the said Edward would write and record all such conveyances and other writings that he should have Occasion for in the said County of Dorchester and also doe all other writeing buisnesse that the said John Clemons should have Occasion for in the said County of Dorchester from the said One & twentieth day of June untill the twentieth day of June then next following to say for One whole yeare and also dureing the said time should demand no other ffees of him the said John for any buisnesse that he should enter upon record for him as Clerke of the said County the said John Clemons upon himselfe did assume and to the said Edward did then and there faithfully promise that he the said John at the end & expiration of the said yeare as a reward
p. 465 to the said Edward for his paines and in full satisfaction of all his ffees that should accrue in the time aforesaid whether he employed him more or lesse or not at all would well & truly pay unto him the said Edward or his Ord^r the summe of One thousand pounds of tobacco upon demand convenient in the said County And the said Edward in fact Saith that the said John did imploy him the said Edward in recording of the time of the births of his Children and did acquaint him of divers other buisnesse he had for him to doe and that he the said Edward dureing the terme aforesaid was alwayes ready to doe & performe all such writeing buisnesse as the said John had to doe in the said County of Dorchester Notwithstanding which the said John his promise & assumption so as aforesaid to him the said Edward made not regarding but deviseing & fraudulently intending him the said Edward in this behalfe craftily and Subtilly to deceive & defraud the said One thousand pounds of tobacco to him the said Edward according to his promise and assumption aforesaid hath not paid though often demanded but the same to pay hath denied & as yet doth deny to the damage of the said Edward of three thousand pounds of tobacco and thereupon he bringeth his suite.

And the said John by John Rousby his Attorney cometh & defendeth the wrong & injury when &c & Saith he did not assume and promise upon himselfe in such manner & forme as the said Edward hath above declared against him and of this he putts himselfe upon the Country and the said Edward likewise Therefore Comānd was